



Update:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill)

March 25, 2009



Formula Block Grant Funds

What Council approved on 3/11

- Community Development Block Grants
Block Grants
- Energy Efficiency Block Grants

What we seek direction on today

- ESG/Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Block Grants
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants





ESG/Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Program

New language:

“....provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.”





Eligible Activities within HPHP

- Short- or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services
- Mediation
- Credit counseling
- Security or utility deposits
- Utility payments
- Moving cost assistance
- Case management



Potential City Uses of HPRP Funds

- Tenant-based rental assistance for up to 18 months for persons experiencing homeless or would otherwise be homeless
- Short-term rental assistance up to 3 months
- Outreach and/or rental assistance to persons likely to become homeless
- Case management services through CAC

Recommendation for HPRP

- Tenant-based rental assistance for up to 18 months for persons experiencing homeless or would otherwise be homeless
- Outreach and/or rental assistance to persons who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless
- Case management services through CAC



Competitive Grants: Federal

- Homeland Security: Fire station construction, upgrades, remodels
- HUD: Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Justice: COPS Hiring Program
- Commerce: Broadband





Competitive Grants: State

- Attorney General's Office: VAWA STOP program
- Office of Energy: weatherization, energy projects
- Transportation: TEA-21 enhancements
- Cultural Affairs: Historic preservation





Partnerships/Allied Agencies

- National Endowment for the Arts: funding for non-profits arts sector
- U.S. Department of Labor: youth summer job training program

